Compensation to owners of Houses Trorched by Militants

4743. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation has been given to the owners of the houses torched by militants;

(b) whether all of them have received full compensation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, how many of them have received the full compensation, in how many cases compensation has been sanctioned but not paid, the number of cases in which sanction has not been issued; and

(e) the reasons for the second and third category of cases mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) As per the last information made available by the Government of J & K, steps were taken to prepare a list of properties left behind by the migrants. It was found that there were 16979 total structures in six districts of the Valley owned by Kashmiri Pandit community. Out of this, 5608 houses were found damaged due to natural calamities. 8499 structures were found to be intact. Out of those damaged due to subversive activities, relief/compensatioin has been sanctioned in 4691 cases amounting to Rs. 28.60 crors. There are 917 cases pending for payment of relief/ compensation which are under process. The competent authority has ordered reassessment of damage in 302 cases.

ISI's presence in Nepal

4744. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to use of Nepal as major centre of ISI activities by Pakistan and due to unrestricted transmigration on hilly open border of eastern and western part of Nepal, the situation on 600 Kms. open plains border of India is getting complicated;

(b) whether Government are considering to offer unrestricted entry through some selected points;

(c) whether Government will make arrangements to keep the video photographs of suspected entrants;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) The Government of India is concerned about the ISI misusing the Nepalese territory and the open India-Nepal border for activities inimical to India's interest.

The Indo-Nepal border has historically been an open border with a passport/visa free travel regime for the nationals of the two countries. There is no proposal with the Government to change the open nature of this border. However, in view of the recent misuse of this border, vigilance has been strengthened. Additional intelligence posts have been sanctioned for this border recently. Measures have also been taken to enhance bilateral cooperation with Nepal in security matters. As a result many terrorist conspiracies, sponsored by Pakistan, have been neutralised in recent years.

Liquor at Door Step

4745. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled "Government proposes liquor at door step and more" as appeared in the "Indian Express", dated 9th February, 2000;

(b) whether the decision to home delivery of liquor in the capital would not prove another major problem to the police personnel as also of law abiding/ senior citizens rather than more excise revenue to Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government would stop such a malafide motive and wrong decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that no such decision has been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

Failure of Local Police in Handling Immigration at Atari

4746. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: